



# HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA ALERT

### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

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## Organization gives out toys collected at HFD stations

- WHAT:** Toy give-away for families in need of Christmas assistance.
- WHEN:** **TODAY**, Dec. 23, 2004 @ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or when toys run out)
- WHERE:** The Pleasant Facility @ 1305 Benson
- DETAILS:** Toys were accepted at all Houston fire stations through Dec.17 . The toys were given to the Outreach Program, Inc., a non-profit, tax exempt 501, ( c ) 3 organization serving the greater Harris County youth community.

There is not a waiting list for this toy drive. Families in need of assistance must bring identification, bags (i.e. plastic trash bags), and their children's social security cards.

Citizens are encouraged not to bring their children with them to the give-away due to the possibility inclement weather conditions.

Lorugene Young, executive director of the Outreach Program, Inc., started the organization in 1985 and has consistently remained committed to combating youth drug use and crime through community programs and motivational meetings. Since then, the group has helped thousands of Harris County children receive free school supplies, clothes, toys and food.

For more information about the Outreach Program, Inc. media may contact Lorugene Young at 281-454-4840.

